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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant is submitting Replacement formal drawings with Figures 1-13. No new matter has been added.

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REMARKS

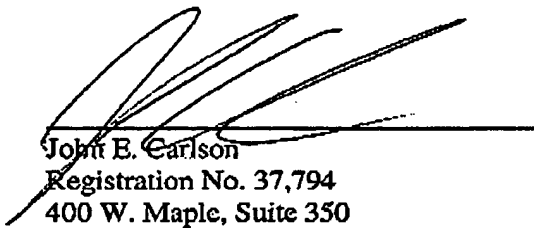
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 11, 12 and 20 as anticipated by Jacala (US 5,536,143). Jacala discloses a turbine blade, not a fan blade. Even when not installed in a turbine engine, one of skill in the art can distinguish a turbine blade from a fan blade, as they have very different purposes and different characteristics. Therefore, claims 1-7, 11, 12 and 20 are not anticipated by Jacala.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6 and 13-15 as anticipated by Shimotory (JP 358148201A). Shimotory only discloses a turbine blade, not a fan blade. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the flared end is a flared longitudinal end, which also distinguishes Shimotory.

Please charge \$250 for five claims in excess of 20 to Deposit Account No. 50-1482. If any additional fees or extensions are ever required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

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